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November 1 Crop Production

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Survey respondents who reported barley, oats, durum wheat, or other spring wheat acreage as not yet harvested in Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming during the surveys conducted in preparation for the Small Grains 2010 Summary were re-contacted in late October to determine how many of the acres were actually harvested and record the actual production from those acres. Based on this updated information, several changes were made to the estimates published in the Small Grains 2010 Summary. Because unharvested production is a component of on-farm stocks, changes were made to the September 1 on-farm stocks levels comparable with the production adjustments as well.

Spring wheat production in Montana was down 760,000 bushels from the Small Grains 2010 Summary to 103.7 million bushels, but up 47 percent from 2009 due to higher yields and increased harvested acreage, according to USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Montana Field Office. Harvested acreage, at 2.73 million acres, was down 20,000 acres from September, but up 380,000 acres from the previous year. The average yield was unchanged from September at 38.0 bushels per acre, but up 8 bushels from 2009, breaking the record high of 37.0 bushels set in 1993. Durum wheat producers harvested 530,000 acres, unchanged from September, but down 5,000 acres from 2009. Total production for 2010 was estimated at 18.0 million bushels, down 530,000 bushels from September, but up 9 percent from last year's 16.6 million bushels. The average yield was 34.0 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from September, but up 3 bushels from the previous year, breaking the record high of 33.0 bushels set in 2004. All Wheat production for 2010 decreased 1.3 million bushels from the September to 215.4 million bushels, but up 22 percent from the 2009 crop of 176.6 million bushels. All Wheat yield for 2010 was 41.3 bushels per acre, down 0.1 of a bushel from September, but up 8.0 bushels from the previous year, breaking the record high of 39.2 bushels set in 1993. All wheat stocks decreased less than one percent from September to 234.6 million bushels. On-farm all wheat stocks decreased 1.0 million bushels, while off-farms stocks were unchanged. Durum wheat stocks were down 500,000 bushels from September to 20.3 million bushels. On-farms stocks decreased from 19.0 million bushels to 18.5 million bushels, but off-farm stocks were unchanged.

In 2010, Montana barley producers harvested 620,000 acres for grain, unchanged from the Small Grains 2010 Summary, but down 100,000 acres from last year. The average yield for 2010 is 62.0 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from September, but up 5 bushels from last year, breaking the record high of 59.0 bushels set in 2004. Production was estimated at 38.4 million bushels, down 620,000 bushels from September, and down 2.6 million bushels from last year. With the change in production, total barley stocks decreased 2 percent from September to 48.1 million bushels. On-farm barley stocks decreased 1.0 million bushels to 34.0 million, but off-farm barley stocks were unchanged. Oat production and stocks were unchanged from September.

Montana dry edible pea production is up 26 percent from last year to 3.8 million cwt, if realized, this would be the highest production on record. Harvested area was down 12 percent to 220,000 acres, but yields increased by 570 pounds to 1,900 pounds per acre. Austrian winter pea production is forecast at 60,000 cwt, up from 56,000 cwt last year. Harvested area was unchanged at 6,000 acres. Most of Montana's Austrian winter peas were used for grazing or forage.

Lentils production is forecast at 3.7 million cwt, up from 1.6 million cwt last year. Harvested area increased 129,000 acres from 2009 to 245,000 acres, and yield increased from 1,380 lbs per acre in 2009 to 1,500 pounds per acre in 2010. If realized, this would be the highest production, harvested acreage, and yield on record.

Sugar beet production for Montana is expected to be 1,257,000 tons, up 26 percent from last year. Forecasted yield, at 29.5 tons per acre, is down 1.4 tons from the October 1 forecast, as well as down 0.3 ton per acre from 2009. Harvested acreage is unchanged from the October 1 forecast, but up 9,000 acres from last year to 42,600 acres.

Montana's fall potato production is forecast at 3.6 million cwt, up 10 percent from last year. Harvested area is up 1,600 acres from last year to 11,300 acres. The yield is forecast to be 320 cwt per acre, down 6 percent from 2009.

In the United States, other spring wheat harvested area declined 20,000 acres from the Small Grains 2010 Summary in Montana, but was unchanged in Idaho, North Dakota, Oregon, and Washington. Yields in Idaho and Oregon decreased 1.0 bushel per acre and decreased 1.5 bushels in North Dakota. Yields in Montana and Washington were unchanged. As a result of the changes in Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, and Oregon, other spring wheat production in the United States is 616 million bushels, down 2 percent from the Small Grains 2010 Summary.

Durum harvested area was unchanged from the Small Grains 2010 Summary in Idaho, Montana and North Dakota, the only states re-interviewed for Durum. Yields decreased 4.0 bushels in Idaho, 1.0 bushel in Montana and 2.0 bushels in North Dakota. United States Durum production is 107 million bushels, down 4 percent from the Small Grains 2010 Summary. All wheat production in the United States is 2.21 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the Small Grains 2010 Summary.

Barley harvested area was revised to 670,000 acres in North Dakota and 62,000 acres in Wyoming, down 1 and 2 percent from the Small Grains 2010 Summary, respectively. Harvested acreage remained unchanged in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. Yield decreased 1.0 bushel per acre in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Wyoming. Yields were unchanged in North Dakota and Washington. Total United States production is estimated at 180 million bushels, down 1 percent from the previous estimate.

Oat harvested area was reduced 5,000 acres in North Dakota. Yield decreased 2.0 bushels per acre in North Dakota and 10.0 bushels in Oregon while Idaho increased 4.0 bushels per acre. Yields were unchanged in Montana, Washington, and Wyoming. As a result of the changes in Idaho, North Dakota, and Oregon, oat production in the United States is 81.2 million bushels, down slightly from the Small Grains 2010 Summary.

U.S. dry edible pea production is forecast at 13.7 million cwt, down 20 percent from the 2009 estimate. Area for harvest, at 711,400 acres, is 15 percent below a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 1,921 pounds per acre, down 124 pounds from last season.

Austrian winter pea production in the U.S. is forecast at 183,000 cwt, up 1 percent from 2009. Area harvested is forecast at 16,600 acres, up 21 percent from last year. Average yield is expected to be 1,102 pounds per acre, down 226 pounds per acre from last season.

U.S. lentils production is forecast at 8.75 million cwt, up 49 percent from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 628,000 acres, up 54 percent from the previous year. Average yield is expected to be 1,393 pounds per acre, down 47 pounds per acre from 2009. If realized, these would be the largest planted, harvested, and production levels since records began in 1986.

Production of sugar beets in the U.S. for the 2010 crop year is forecast at 31.9 million tons, down 4 percent from the October 1 forecast but 8 percent above 2009. Producers expect to harvest 1.15 million acres, up 29,000 acres from October and up 4,900 acres from 2009. Yield is forecast at 27.7 tons per acre, a decrease of 1.9 tons from the previous forecast but 2.0 tons above last year. If realized, this will be a record high yield for the United States. Record high yields are also expected in Colorado, Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wyoming.

U.S. fall potato production for 2010 is forecast at 361 million cwt, down 8 percent from 2009. Area harvested, at 882,500 acres, is slightly above the July forecast. The average yield forecast, at 410 cwt per acre, is down 19 cwt per acre from last year's record high yield.

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| Crop                 | Unit | Acres Planted |               | Acres Harvested |          | Yield |             | Production  |           |
|                      |      | 2009          | 2010          | 2009            | 2010     | 2009  | 2010        | 2009        | 2010      |
| MONTANA              |      | (000) Acres   |               | (000) Acres     |          |       |             | (000) Units |           |
| Winter Wheat         | Bu   | 2,550.0       | 2,050.0       | 2,420.0         | 1,950.0  | 37.0  | 48.0        | 89,540      | 93,600    |
| Durum Wheat          | Bu   | 570.0         | 540.0         | 535.0           | 530.0    | 31.0  | 34.0        | 16,585      | 18,020    |
| Spring Wheat         | Bu   | 2,400.0       | 2,850.0       | 2,350.0         | 2,730.0  | 30.0  | 38.0        | 70,500      | 103,740   |
| All Wheat            | Bu   | 5,520.0       | 5,440.0       | 5,305.0         | 5,210.0  | 33.3  | 41.3        | 176,625     | 215,360   |
| Barley               | Bu   | 870.0         | 760.0         | 720.0           | 620.0    | 57.0  | 62.0        | 41,040      | 38,440    |
| Oats                 | Bu   | 70.0          | 65.0          | 32.0            | 27.0     | 56.0  | 61.0        | 1,792       | 1,647     |
| Sugar Beets          | Tons | 38.4          | 42.7          | 33.6            | 42.6     | 29.8  | 29.5        | 1,001       | 1,257     |
| Potatoes, Fall       | Cwt  | 11.2          | 11.5          | 9.7             | 11.3     | 340   | 320         | 3,298       | 3,616     |
| Dry Peas             | Cwt  | 240.0         | 220.0         | 226.0           | 200.0    | 13.3  | 19.0        | 3,006       | 3,800     |
| Austrian Winter Peas | Cwt  | 10.0          | 16.0          | 6.0             | 6.0      | 9.3   | 10.0        | 56          | 60        |
| Lentils              | Cwt  | 122.0         | 260.0         | 116.0           | 245.0    | 13.8  | 15.0        | 1,601       | 3,675     |
| UNITED STATES        |      | (000) Acres   |               | (000) Acres     |          |       | (000) Units |             | Jnits     |
| Winter Wheat         | Bu   | 43,346.0      | 37,335.0      | 34,510.0        | 31,749.0 | 44.2  | 46.8        | 1,524,608   | 1,485,236 |
| Durum Wheat          | Bu   | 2,554.0       | 2,750.0       | 2,428.0         | 2,529.0  | 44.9  | 42.4        | 109,042     | 107,180   |
| Spring Wheat         | Bu   | 13,268.0      | 13,698.0      | 12,955.0        | 13,359.0 | 45.1  | 46.1        | 584,411     | 615,975   |
| All Wheat            | Bu   | 59,168.0      | 53,603.0      | 49,893.0        | 47,637.0 | 44.5  | 46.4        | 2,218,061   | 2,208,391 |
| Barley               | Bu   | 3,567.0       | 2,872.0       | 3,113.0         | 2,465.0  | 73.0  | 73.1        | 227,323     | 180,268   |
| Oats                 | Bu   | 3,404.0       | 3,138.0       | 1,379.0         | 1,263.0  | 67.5  | 64.3        | 93,081      | 81,190    |
| Sugar Beets          | Tons | 1,185.8       | 1,184.7       | 1,148.6         | 1,153.5  | 25.7  | 27.7        | 29,563      | 31,934    |
| Potatoes, Fall       | Cwt  | 936.7         | 893.0         | 917.2           | 882.5    | 429   | 410         | 393,544     | 361,392   |
| Dry Peas             | Cwt  | 863.3         | 763.0         | 837.9           | 711.4    | 20.5  | 19.2        | 17,137      | 13,668    |
| Austrian Winter Peas | Cwt  | 20.5          | 30.6          | 13.7            | 16.6     | 13.3  | 11.0        | 182         | 183       |
| Lentils              | Cwt  | 415.0         | 655.0         | 407.0           | 628.0    | 14.4  | 13.9        | 5,859       | 8,749     |